

M'CANN FIGHTING FOR HIS CLAIM

Aged Man Resists Efforts of Government to Take Home of Years.

Evidence is still being taken before Referee A. M. Wing in case of the United States against John McCann, involving the patent to 160 acres of land taken up by McCann in the Nehalem country more than a quarter century ago. The hearing is being held in the offices of the United States district attorney and half a hundred witnesses are on hand.

McCann is now a very old man, nearly 80 years, and so feeble as not to be able to attend the hearing in person but is represented there by his son and counsel. McCann took up the land in the early days when it was difficult to penetrate the forests of the wild west and he has held it ever since. Most of the people who took up claims in that richly timbered section disposed of their holdings to large timber syndicates, and it is admitted by even the prosecution that if McCann had sold the claim a moment before the government began suit to have the land reverted on the alleged ground of insufficient residence thereon, no proceedings could have been brought as the innocent purchaser would have to be protected.

Among the witnesses called were many born and raised in the Nehalem valley. Some of them have already passed middle age and it was with interest they recalled early days of the country which has been held back for years

because of lack of transportation facilities.

There are fewer people in the timbered sections of Nehalem now than there were 25 years ago," said Nathan Anderson, who was born there some 45 years ago. "The old military road has grown thick with brush and in its place is only a poor trail. In the early days the fact that the timber has been bought up by the large syndicates has driven out the settler and in many places the wilds are as virgin as they were thousands of years before the white man ever set foot in the Oregon country.

The main contention on part of the government agents is that McCann failed to prove up on the exact date although he holds a patent to the land. Counsel for the defendant will show that it was utterly impossible for McCann to reach the land office at Oregon City on the specified date, as he was working in the lighthouse at North Head at the time and could not get away without jeopardizing shipping.

The claim is said to be worth about \$9000.

Walla Walla Wants Conventions.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Walla Walla, Wash., July 15.—Larned E. Meacham, publicity manager of the Commercial club, has been given authority by that body to go after all conventions, state, national or district, that have a chance of coming here. Walla Walla is pulling to become known as a convention city and a strong effort will be made to pull all kinds of gatherings here next year.

Hood River After Convention.

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William McKey, appearing in the delightful comedy, "Trimmed," at the Orpheum this week.

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BIG CROWD IS SEATTLE BOUND

Portland Expects to Send 2000 Visitors to Exposition on City's Day.

The slogan printed on 10,000 "booster buttons" and 5000 ribbons to be used as streamers, as well as on the pennants, which every Portlander who goes to Seattle next Monday will carry will be "500,000—Portland—1913."

A great many of these buttons, ribbons and pennants have been already sent to Seattle to be placed at various hotels in order to accommodate the Portlanders who are already in Seattle.

W. J. Hoffmann, secretary of the Portland day committee, said today that the committee urges people to buy tickets at the city ticket office, Third and Morrison streets, as soon as possible, in order to avoid the crush at the depot the last moment.

"We have arranged for no program," said Mr. Hoffmann this morning. "We are going up to see the exposition, and a program would be tiresome. There will be a reception from 3 to 5, to be given by the Oregon commissioner. The wives of the commissioners will assist in receiving with Mrs. Chilberg, wife of the president of the exposition, and Mrs. Nauveau, wife of the director general, as well as a number of Portland ladies."

"Everybody should go—not merely members of the reality board, chamber of commerce and the commercial club, but all loyal Portlanders should make an attempt to come with us. The mayor and council will come as a body. We expect 2000 members in our party."

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ZIEGLER SAYS SOME THINGS ON METERS

Portland, Or., July 18.—To the Editor of The Journal—By referring to my receipts from the Water company I find that since replumbing my house in May, 1906, my monthly water charge was uniformly \$1.75, excepting months of June, July, August and September, 1906, during which time it was \$3.35, to cover use of lawn hose, until July, 1907, when the charge was reduced to \$1.25, at which figure it remained until the installation of a meter in January, 1908. The receipts show since that time charges: January, \$1.25; February, 50c; March, 50c; April, 50c; May, 50c; June, 50c; July, 40c.

During all this time, with the excep-

tion of the use of lawn hose in summer, the service has been the same and use of water practically the same.

It follows without argument that I am in favor of retention of the meter. Even the women and children who often attend to the duty of paying the city's water bills can see an argument like that. Many who cannot grasp an idea can grasp a dollar.

If Messrs. Simon and Wilcox leave this matter to all the patrons of the water service their case is lost.

But their "policy," doubtless, is to leave the matter to the large users of water, who are to receive the benefits of a low meter rate, and the Nobs on Nob Hill who have large lawns to sprinkle, find it necessary to take a bath three times a day and who have their faucets running in summer to have a cool drink without waiting and

in winter to keep their pipes from freezing.

In short, civic morality in Portland is such that the meter is necessary to protect the modest and fairly disposed citizen against the hog and the water thief.

MAYOR SIMON WILL TAKE SEATTLE TRIP

Mayor Simon will be one of the Portland visitors to the Alaska-Pacific-Yukon exposition next week, leaving Monday night. On Tuesday he will devote his time to seeing the exposition, and the following day he will visit the public buildings and institutions of the city in company with City Engineer

Thomson of Seattle. He hopes to obtain pointers that can be used to advantage in the affairs in Portland. Several members of the city council will go, and the mayor has invited I. Lang, a former member of the park board, and Dr. J. R. Wetherbee, president of the Commercial club, to go with him.

Building Permits.

J. C. Clements, East Thirty-third street, between Almsworth and Rigdon, erect one story frame dwelling 11800; J. Dellar, Twentieth street, between Finlander and Everett, erect two story brick store and room, \$12,000; J. A. Buchanan, East Couch street, between Twentieth and Thirtieth, erect one story frame dwelling, \$1800; John George, Beach street, between Grand avenue and Sixth street, erect one story frame barn, \$800.

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